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SUBJ: YANIKIYAN TRIAL

1. TRIAL BEGAN IN SANTA BARBARA ON MAY 29. ACTIVITY THUS FAR CONFIRMED TO JURY SELECTION. WE UNDERSTAND CONSUL GENERAL BENSAN NOT ATTENDING, BUT THAT HE HAS DESPATCHED TWO OBSERVERS, MILLIYET CORRESPONDENT REFIK ERDURAN AND UCLA GRAD STUDENT MUSTAFA GURSEL, WHO HAD BEEN CLOSE FRIEND OF DEMIR.

2. SANTA BARBARA SHERIFFS OFFICE REPORTS THAT BARKOS LOWMAN, ALLEGEDLY AN AUNT OF THE DECEASED BAYDAR, IS ATTENDING TRIAL AND BEHAVING HYSTERICALLY. SHERIFF MAY HAVE TO REMOVE HER.

3. ABOVE PASSED TO TURK EMBASSY. THEY HAVE HEARD NOTHING FROM TURK CONGEN IN LOS ANGELES. NEITHER THEY NOR WE HAVE YET RECEIVED ANY REPORTS CONCERNING ARMENIAN ACTIVITIES AT TRIAL, ALTHOUGH SANTA BARBARA POLICE REPORTED EARLIER THAT DEMONSTRATIONS EXPECTED. IN THIS CONNECTION SOME EXTREMIST

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ARMENIAN NEWSPAPERS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY PROVOCATIVE, E. G.
SUGGESTING THAT IT NECESSARY TO PROTECT YANIKIYAN IN COURT-
ROOM FROM POSSIBLE TURK ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT. RUSH

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